



Derbyshire Constabulary

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

Many residents will now, no doubt, be aware that a small number of burglaries has taken place in your neighbourhood in recent weeks. We would like to inform you that we are doing everything in our power to catch those responsible, with teams of officers working hard to bring these criminals to justice. We do not wish to cause alarm among residents but feel that you should be made aware in order to assist us, and so that you may take extra precautions to ensure the safety of your property.

Please consider the following actions, especially if you will be away from your property, even for a short period of time:

Never be tempted to leave doors or windows open, if you're going out, even during hot weather.

Ensure doors and windows are locked whenever they are not in use, especially when you are in bed.

Store all jewellery/cash in a secure place, preferably hidden and somewhere that thieves would not think, or have time, to look. Do not leave it in a jewellery box in the bedroom as this is the first place that the criminal will look! Alternatively leave it with a relative or trusted friend.

Ask someone to make regular checks on your property. It is important for investigators to be able to narrow down the time when a crime has been committed, as accurately as possible.

Inform as few people as is necessary if you are going away and always discourage children from broadcasting it on Facebook etc.

Keep an eye on your neighbours' homes, if you know the occupants are away.

Please help us by reporting any suspicious individuals or activity immediately on 999.

For further home security advice please contact the Chapel and Chinley Safer Neighbourhood team on 101.